





## Miscellany.

### A LAYMAN'S CONFESSION OF FAITH.

As other men have creeds, so I have mine: I keep the holy faith in God, in Jesus Christ, and in the angel of death. I have a little church seal in neither bread nor wine, Nor laying on of hands, nor lay off. I have all kinds, and cast, and rank of birth: For all the sons of man are sons of God; Nor hums a beggar but is nobly born. That makes him less or more than a man. I love my country and her righteous cause: She has given me a home, and I am safe. And after freedom, may her bells ring Peace! I love one woman with a holy fire, Whom I never as a priestess of my house; I have given her my heart, my body, my babies, Will they release me to a nobler life? I keep a faithful friendship with my friend, I have a wife, and a son, and a crown. I lack my lips too close to speak a lie; I wash my hands too well to speak a bribe; I fear no man, and I cannot pay. Except the love that men should always own.

Within each day, before the blessed Heaven, And pray the Holy Ghost to enter. Thus reads the real confession of my faith, So crossed with contradictions by my life. Then comes the creed of my soul: It still, by help of him who helps men, I face two worlds, and fear not life or death! O Father! lead me by my hand! Amen!

From London Society.

The Mail-Guard's Story.

Reader, have you ever been obliged to wait at a small country railway station for an early train? If you have not, you have not experienced the *plus ultra* of human misery. But when, as was my case last year, you have left a party, driven five miles to a small station, and the train had not arrived at the station, not that the train had gone, for that would be a relief, but that you had mistaken the time, and had got three-quarters of an hour to wait, your lot is indeed enviable. So I thought, stamped up and down the little platform, and gazed into the darkness beyond, which was only broken by the dim and misty light of the "distance" signal, some hundred yards down the line. The occasional barking of a house-dog along the road, except in a willing tone on the telegraphic wires over my head. As I paced up and down to wait, my feel, I felt really "savag," that the well-meaning sentiments of the company assembled at the station had induced me to forego that last station with Minnie Cameron, and hurry to the station.

I had been staying for the last fortnight at the house of a relative, and what with shooting, fishing, and tennis, and with the blue eyes of Minnie, the days had passed rapidly; and when recalled to London by my father's business-like letter, which hinted at some impending calamity connected with our trip, I could hardly believe that my leave had come so suddenly. But it had, and so had it, and so I must. My relatives appeared as sorry as I was when I announced my intended departure, and I fancy I could discern traces of tears in Minnie's sunny eyes as she farewelled me. I had a short talk with her, and a hasty kiss, as *souvenirs* of my visit. Oh, Minnie, Minnie what would you do! excellent man, the incident, think, could he have seen the short time of what his father's year affected for me? I said to my wife, as I was being committed to the flames, with a bundle of old letters, when last month I heard you were engaged?"

Under such circumstances as I have done under the roof will easily imagine I was in a particularly cheerful frame of mind on the night, or rather morning, in question. I sauntered into the dreary waiting-room, and lighting a cigar, seated myself in front of the expiring fire, which was the only source of heat in the room, the embers having carried away the fire-irons. Placing my feet upon the fender, I lay back in my chair, and, as most men would have done, I began to ruminate on the events of the day before, and—Minnie! After a time I rose again, attempted the reversal of my father's letter, and then—I fell fast asleep. How long I slept I cannot say, probably about five minutes, but I have felt so sulky, you may depend, as ever, when I awoke from the nap, that I had a good梦, and was in a trice sprang up, and rushed blindly to the door, fancying that the mail had come up, when I came in violent contact with a guard, who was entering at the same moment as I was making a hurried exit.

"Buy my pardon, sir," said the police officer, "that's the master!"

"My train is going, I think," said I. "Let me see."

"It's only a down goods and cattle, sir," replied my companion, "which shuns here."

"I think we can meet that, at any rate," he replied; and, leaving the room, he returned in a few minutes, accom'ded by an individual whom I rightly conjectured to be the conductor of the goods train, carrying a large shovelful of live coals, which, placed upon the cinders, soon improved our fire, and gave quite a cheerful aspect to the dingy apartment.

"Thank you, Jim," said my guard as the stoked engine roared, "now, sir; that's an improvement, isn't it?" he added cheerfully.

"It is, indeed," I replied; "and I am much obliged to you for procuring the coals."

"Don't name it, sir," was the reply.

"One can do something when one has to wait, you know."

"How long do you remain here, then?" I asked.

"Til 3:40, sir. I take up the mail," was the reply.

"On, indeed," I said.

"Til 3:40, sir. I'm on this job all this month." And as he spoke the gun drew a pipe from his pocket, and having filled and lit it, he began to smoke in silence.

"Have you been long on this line?" I asked.

"Good time."

"What was all the last words, on the smoking bit of paper, I didn't care for, but the other parts made my heart jump when I read them, for I made sure that I should now catch Mr. Dover for the robbery at Liverpool. The instant the train stopped, out I jumped, and began looking into the carriage for him, I passed, preceding I had lost."

"At last I came to a carriage near the engine (a second class), on the flooring of which I could see several bits of paper, and upon going in I found (for the carriage was empty) an open envelope, addressed to some place in New York, in the same hand which was on the bits I had.

"There was no one else in the compartment, and the carriages together, just to what could make out of them, and to my astonishment I read:

"I will be at 2 o'clock."

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M. H. PATTERSON.

Stillwater, Feb. 12, 1867.

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and the Pacific. They entered without delay upon the execution of their trust, but have not made any official report of their proceedings. The visit of the Indians to our Territories should be exempt from sudden outbreaks, and that the construction of the Pacific Railroad—an object of national importance—should not be interrupted by hostile tribes. These objects, as well as the material interests of the country, and the welfare of the Indians, can be most effectively secured by concentrating them upon portions of country set apart for their exclusive use, and located at points remote from highways and encroaching white settlements.

#### PACIFIC RAILROAD.

Since the commencement of the session of the 39th Congress, five hundred and ten miles of road have been constructed on the main line and branches of the Pacific railroad. The line from Omaha is rapidly approaching the eastern base of the Rocky Mountains; whilst the terminus of the last section of the road constructed in California, accepted by the Government on the 24th of October, 1863, is now about midway between the summit of the Sierra Nevada. The remarkable energy evinced by the company offers the strongest assurance that the completion of the road from Sacramento to Omaha will not be deferred long.

#### PUBLIC LANDS.

During the last fiscal year, 7,041,114 acres of public land were disposed of, and the cash receipts from sales and fees exceeded by half a million dollars the sum realized from those sources during the preceding year.

#### PENSIONS.

The amount paid pensioners, including the expenses of disbursements, was \$18,619,956; and 36,422 names were added to the list. The entire number of pensioners on the 30th of June last was 155,474.

#### PATENTS.

Eleven thousand six hundred and fifty-five patents and designs were issued during the year ending September 30, 1867; and, at that date, the balance in the Treasury to the credit of the patent fund was \$286,697.

#### THE NAVY.

The report of the Secretary of the Navy states that we have seven squadrons actively and judiciously employed, under able and experienced commanders, in protecting the property and property of American citizens, maintaining the dignity and honor of the Government, and promoting the commercial and business interests of our countrymen in every part of the world. Of 235 vessels comprising a present navy of the United States, 29 carry the stars, and are in squadron service. During the year, the number of vessels in commission has been reduced 12, and there are 13 less on squadron duty than there were at the date of the last report.

A large number of vessels were commenced and in course of construction when the war terminated; and, although Congress has made the necessary appropriations for their completion, the Department has either suspended work upon them or directed to slow completion of steam vessels, so as to meet contracts for machinery made with private establishments.

The total expenditures of the navy department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1867, were \$31,340,001. No appropriations have been made for the purchase of slaves, or for the construction and repair of vessels; for steam machinery, ordnance, provisions and clothing, fuel, hemp, &c., the balance under these several heads having been more than sufficient for current expenditures. It shall also be stated that the credit of \$1,000,000 of appropriations for the above objects for the last two years, the Secretary of the Navy, on the 30th of September last, in accordance with the act of May 1, 1860, received from the Senate, an amount equal to the surplus of the sum of \$65,000,000 being the amount received from sales of vessels and other war property, and remnants of former appropriations.

#### THE POSTOFFICE.

The report of the Postmaster General shows the business of the Postoffice Department and the condition of the postal service in a very favorable light; and the attention of Congress is called to its practical value. The receipt of the budget of the department for the year ending June 30, 1867, including all special appropriations for sea and land service and for mail matter, were \$10,765,693. The expenditures for all purposes were \$19,255,453—leaving an unexpended balance in favor of the department of \$8,490,210, which can be applied toward the expenses of the department for the current year.

The increase of the postal revenue, in dependence of specific appropriations, for the year 1867, over that for 1866, was \$850,010. The increase of the revenue from land service and from postage envelopes was \$783,491. The increase of expenditures for 1867 over those for the previous year was owing chiefly to the extension of land and ocean mail service.

#### AGRICULTURE.

The report of the Acting Commissioner of Agriculture concisely presents the condition, wants and progress of an interest eminently worthy of the fostering care of Congress, and exhibits a large measure of useful results achieved during the year to which it refers.

#### FOREIGN RELATIONS.

The re-establishment of peace at home and the resumption of extended trade, travel, and commerce abroad has served to increase the number and variety of operations in the department of Foreign Affairs. None of these questions, however, have seriously disturbed our relations with our States.

The Republic of Mexico, having been relieved from foreign intervention, is now in a position to establish her constitutional system of government.

#### A GOOD UNDERSTANDING.

A good understanding continues to exist between our Government and the Republics of Hayti and San Domingo; and our cordial relations with Central and South America.

#### THE TENDER.

The tender, made in conformity with the resolution of Congress, of the good offices of the Government, with a view of an amicable adjustment of peace between Brazil and Argentina, has been formally delivered to our commissioners. The Territory remains for the present in a military force, awaiting such civil organization as shall be required.

#### THE PANAMA CANAL.

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#### THE BLUE LINE.

**Official Reports.**

The following extracts and synopses embody the more important portions of some of the reports accompanying the President's message to Congress:

#### POSTMASTER GENERAL.

The Postmaster General's report shows that during the past six years the department has paid from \$150,000 to \$200,000 a year in gold to the British Government for the transportation of our mails over and above the receipts. This amount we were compelled to pay to the old mail route, which was in James' mail, and which the Postmaster General has refused to continue. Another important portion of the report relates to the large reduction made on the price per letter or paper of our foreign mail, which is due to the introduction of the new mail route.

To continue the arrangements with the Cunard line, to which was paid twenty-four cents a single letter, payable in gold, the Postmaster General deemed the price exorbitant, and with a view to reducing the amount, he caused to be taken the expiration of the treaty referred to above, advertised for proposals to carry the mails. The owners of the Cunard line positively refused to bid, but to their astonishment two other lines entered into a contract to carry to us the old mail route at fifteen cents an ounce, making the cost per letter five cents, books, papers and other printed matter at six cents per pound, payable in currency, giving three cents per week, Tuesdays and Saturdays.

It is to be regretted that the Cunard line has not yet been converted to the new mail route.

The laying of a third or "annexation" rail upon the Canada Great Western, converting its track to a width of four feet eight and half inches to correspond with that of its Eastern competitor (except the Erie) and the gauge of the Michigan Central.

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ALL KINDS OF NEW WHEELS AND NEW PARTS OF WATCHES manufactured for the trade, reasonable discounts. Store in Grosvenor's Block, opposite Concert Hall, near the Post Office.

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A NEW YEAR!

—AND—

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Thankful for past favors, the undersigned takes pleasure in informing the people generally that his stock of

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Quick sales and small profits is my motto. Please call, if you want your money's worth. Store on Main street, south of the Lake House.

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Marble Works

The undersigned having entered into a partnership for the more extensive manufacture of

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are now prepared to fill all orders for Grave-stones or Monuments at about twenty-five per cent less than any other establishment in the West.

Prices must come down, and we have begun to, and will carry it to a finish.

Henry C. Aldrich has sold more Marble in Minnesota than any other man living in the State, and parties need only to visit the Cemetery at Stillwater, or inquire of the parties to whom he has sold to know that he sells the best work in the West. We have advantages over all other parties in the West, as a place of manufacture. We are at the head of navigation in all low water—we have no high road or costly taxes, or high prices for fuel and other expenses attending the business in St. Paul and other cities, nor are we compelled to pay as much as others, as though it were a duty to pay more on the river below by through carriage. We desire to set up and warrant all our work.

Please write to us before you buy, or wait to see our authorized agent, who has our entire confidence, and who is a man of integrity, traveling who falsely represent us, but are selling for others at prices one-third higher than ours, and offering poorer work.

C. J. ALDRICH,  
Point Douglas, Minn.

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Joshua Lowell, A. M. Bates, John Shorthall, and many others in Stillwater to whom I have sold.

April 12, 1867.—no. 32

# WHEAT WANTED!

I will pay the highest market price for WHEAT during the shipping season.

C. J. BUTLER.

Stillwater, Sept. 16, 1867.

DENTISTRY.

I take pleasure in announcing to the public that I have recently opened up a Dental Office in the rear of Schleser's Clothing store, in front of the Messenger Office, and am prepared to attend to all work in the Dental line that may be desired.

All work intrusted to me will be

WARRANTED to give perfect satisfaction.

Hoping it will prove most beneficial, Dr. Patterson invites all who may desire to consult him, to call at his rooms.

M. H. PATTERSON.

Stillwater, Feb. 12, 1867.

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FASHIONABLE JEWELRY STORE,  
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Stillwater, June 6, 1866-41

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**Stillwater Public Schools.**

For the Stillwater Messenger.

A recent visit to the public schools of Stillwater fully corroborates the appreciative statement of their condition made to us some time since by Gov. Holcombe, the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The superior order and thorough classification; the industry, zeal and proficiency of the pupils; and the tact, enthusiasm and scholarship of the Board of Instruction are worthy of the highest commendation.

In the prosperous condition of the schools the citizens of Stillwater are amply repaid for the large pecuniary expense necessarily incurred in their support.

Under the immediate supervision of Prof. Whipple, who has for so long a time given the thorough mastery and firm grasp of the subjects which he teaches, much is to be hoped.

We were sorry to learn, inquiry that visitors were infrequent.

If the parents of the scholars, the friends of education, and the citizens generally would favor the schools occasionally by their presence, it would greatly encourage the teachers in their arduous labors and quicken the zeal of the pupils in their application to their studies.

**National Convention.**  
The National Republican Committee have called a convention to meet in Chicago on the 20th day of May next to nominate candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States. The place of holding the convention will tend strongly to the nomination of General Grant. The call is made for the admission of twice the number of delegates that each State is entitled to Senators and Representatives.

**GETTING READY.**—The fine display in the show-windows of our merchants, jewelers, book-stores, &c., indicate the near approach of the holidays. A number of the Sabbath schools are preparing for the usual Christmas festivities.

**READINGS FROM THE POETS.**—Through the urgent solicitations of many citizens, Mrs. Bruce Moffat, who has recently come to our city, has consented to give an evening's entertainment at the Myrtle-street church on Thursday evening, the 26th. As Miss Prism, Mrs. Moffat gained a high reputation in the eastern States a few years ago as a reader of unusual merit. We have heard her in parlor readings and recitations, and feel authorized in promising our readers a rich intellectual feast.

As Christmas will be devoted to the stomach, an intellectual treat will prove a happy counter irritant.

St. Paul was visited with another fire on Monday morning, destroying five dwellings and two stables. The property was not of very great value.

**SENTRY BOX.**—The City Council has done a good thing in erecting a sentry-house for the comfort of the night watch. It is octagonal in shape, and supplied with a small stove. Situated on the corner of Main and Chestnut, it commands a view of a large portion of the city.

**FESTIVAL.**—We inadvertently omitted in our last to allude to the very pleasant entertainment given recently by the ladies connected with the Universal Society. It was a success—both as to enjoyment and financially—the proceeds amounting to about \$250. The word "fail" is not to be found in the vocabulary of those ladies.

**SKATING PARK.**—Myron Robinson is a human man. On Monday he commenced the construction of a Skating Park in the rear of his office—200x300 feet—enclosed by a close board fence nine feet high. The Park will be scraped and flooded as occasion requires. Adjoining the Park will be erected a comfortable building, where ladies can strap on their runners by warm stoves, and, returning, regale themselves with hot coffee and oyster stews. Myron merits a liberal patronage. The Park and oysters will be in readiness for the public and oysters will be in readiness for the vocabulary of those ladies.

**CHANCE TO MAKE MONEY.**—The subscriber offers for sale the right to construct and use the celebrated "Automatic Gate," in the State of Minnesota and Iowa. A model can be seen at Illingworth's Jewelry Store, Main street, and one of the gates, in operation, can be seen at his residence, Third street, "Zion's Hill." Any one wishing to find a good chance to make money this winter, is invited to call.

B. ILLINGWORTH.  
Dec. 11, 1867.

**ELECTRO-PLATING.**—The subscriber is prepared to execute any orders in Electro-Plating, promptly, and at reasonable rates.

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**NOTICE.** First NATIONAL BANK  
Stockholders, Dec. 13, 1867.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on Tuesday, January 14th, at two o'clock p.m.

O. R. ELLIS, Cashier.

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## GABRIEL, BLOW YOUR TRUMPET!

Let all the World say What they can,

For selling BARGAINS Old Joe is the Man.

Prints, 12 to 15 cents.

Delaines 20 to 22

Merinos \$1.00 to \$1.25

Emper cloth \$1.00 to 1.25.

Hosiery, Gloves, Laces, Embroideries, and a thousand other things too numerous to mention—All must be sold at prices which must suit old and young, both great and small, who may favor him with a call.

Now is the time to get your HONEY'S,

Thelen's Block, Main street.

Dec. 18—4t

CHRISTMAS IS COMING.—All who are desirous of purchasing Christmas Gifts, will do well by calling upon Mr. Illingworth, as he has a fine assortment of Gold and Silver Watches, Silver and Plated Napkin Rings, Goblets, Card Cases, Fruit Knives, Jewelry, Plate and Silver Ware, &c.

NOTICE to Lumbermen.

Office 9c. Cork & Laces Superior R. R. Co. | Hennepin, Minn., Nov. 30th, 1867.

Trespassing on Railroad Land is strictly forbidden.

All timber cut on the same is subject to a fine of \$100.

JOSEPH C. CAMPBELL,  
Chief Engineer and Agent.

Per Ross' A. Brown, Engineer in Charge.

## TAX NOTICE.

In pursuance of section 87, chapter 11, Revised Statutes of the State of Minnesota Revision 1866.

Notice is hereby given that the total amounts of taxes levied in Washington County on each dollar valuation of property for the year A. D.

1867, are as follows:

STATE TAXES.

Interest ..... 1 mill

Revenue ..... 3 do

Sinking Fund ..... 1 do

COUNTY TAXES.

Revenue ..... 6 mills

Bonds and Interest ..... 2 do

School ..... 2 do

Building Fund ..... 2 do

TOWN TAXES.

Afton—Town tax ..... 2 mills

Baytown—Town tax ..... 2 do

Cottage Grove—Road tax ..... 2 do

Denkmark—Town tax ..... 3 1/2 do

Road tax ..... 5 do

Grant—Road tax ..... 13 2/10 do

Lakeland—Road tax ..... 3 do

Marine—Road tax ..... 5 do

Oakdale—Road tax ..... 5 do

Stillwater—Town ..... 22 do

Road tax ..... 24 do

Wabasha—Road tax ..... 1 1/10 do

Road Tax ..... 24 do

Stillwater city—City Tax ..... 6 do

City Bonds and Interest ..... 6 do

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

County No. 3 ..... 8 mills

do ..... 9 do

do ..... 6 do

do ..... 6 do

do ..... 8 do

do ..... 9 do

do ..... 15 do

do ..... 10 do

## CLIPPINGS AND DRIPPINGS.

### Personal and Literary.

HORACE GREENELEY says he never saw a gamester, the most bare-back rider, is paid \$500 per week in Paris.

DANIEL DREW will give a million to his newly established theological school.

DUMAS has a new novel on the blocks—*A great mammoth Great Eastern.*

Ex-CHANCELLOR WILWORTH, of New York, died at Saratoga, November 28th.

CHARLES DICKENS' second course of reading at Boston will commence December 25th.

JONY ERICKSON has contributed \$20,000 to fund the sufferers by the famine in Sweden.

The chief *prima donna* at Vienna's a charming little fairy of two hundred pounds weight.

HENRY COOPER, the great English Reach, thinks that a model family ought to number at least fourteen.

W. M. PRITCHARD married his fifth wife in Lu-Pai, Mid, recently, though he has only reached the thirty-fourth year.

A MAN and wife in Pontotoc county, Mississippi, have had seventeen children, all of whom are living and healthy.

John Deacon's last group is the "School Examination." It consists of three figures—teacher, pupil and trustee.

The post mortem of Gov. Andrew revealed an apoplectic effusion more extensive than the doctors had ever seen before.

MADAME SIEVATI, lately deceased at Toledo, one hundred and eleven years old, was a famous ballet dancer in the reign of Marie Antoinette.

REAR ADMIRAL SILOE, of the United States Navy, died at his residence at New Brighton, Staten Island, on the 5th, in his 80th year.

John G. SAXE has a lecture this season, on "Poetry and Poets" in which tanks Bryant as first, Halleck second, and Longfellow third among our American bards.

ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS has written a book on "The Causes of the Recent War," which will bring out by the National Publishing Company, of Philadelphia.

MR. GEORGE L. BARRETT, the shrewdest tobacco-dealer in Connecticut, is dead. He was very popular among his neighbors, never sold liquor or used tobacco, never smoked steamship and only once saw a railcar, and, lived all his life in the same house.

CHARLES DICKENS does not use any scenic auxiliaries in his readings, but has a peculiar arrangement of lights, which carries with him his own gas-globe. He has his own platform, which the platform on which he reads, and in the Kingdom, a gas-fitter always travels in his suite for the purpose of fixing these lights.

### Miscellaneous Items.

—Over 300 kinds of drop-skirts are made in New York.

—England makes 50,000 tons of cheese annually and imports 30,000 tons from America.

—A philosopher has discovered that men don't object to be overtaxed except by the assessor.

The co-operation store in New York trades about \$2,000 a day, and another is projected.

—An apple-grower in Western New York has realized \$2,500 this year from a farm of fourteen acres.

—The Toledo Board of Trade are building a fine edifice in which to hold their meetings.

—The Cab on the Burlington and Missouri road will run to Oskaloosa on the 1st of January next.

—The new skating rink in Pittsburgh, covers an ice surface of 13,520 square feet, and costs about \$20,000.

—A large fire in Brooklyn, N. Y., on the 6th, destroyed factories, houses and property worth \$25,000.

—The Lawrence Journal states that one year hence Kansas will have 7,000 miles of railroad completed within her borders.

—There are 700 applications for passage to Liberia next spring, more than the Colonization Society can accommodate.

—Certain parties from the East have accommodated arrangements for the erection of a large woolen mill near Muscatine, Iowa, next spring.

—H. C. Claffin & Co., of New York, during 1866, sold \$73,000 of dry goods—the largest year's business of any wholesale house in the world.

—A young fellow, a very old man, is always complaining about the weather, but I am very thankful when I wake up in the morning to find any weather at all!

—There was a collection of 1,300 newspaper at the Fair Exhibition. The number of daily journals in the world is about 15,000, and their total circulation is twelve million sheets daily.

—The New York architects have decided that they have no legal right to place their monogram on buildings without the consent of the owner of the property.

—A five dollar note of the issue of the Merchants' Bank, New York, altered to a twenty, was discovered recently in a Philadelphia Bank. The alteration is made by pasting, and is very neat.

—Leavenworth, Mo., is making money for the state. Two thousand Missourians, two thousand freight across the river are entirely inadequate to do the work, and sixty carloads of lumber, and warehouses full of freight await the movement of these boats.

—Railroad companies are not compelled to pay for stock killed on public crossings or for corporal inmates; neither for bulls, stallions, jacks, rams or hogs. None of these classes having rights at large which railroad companies are bound to respect.

—The last article returned by a Massachusetts shoe manufacturer is that of Francis Done, of Boston, \$72,723, and the largest after him that of Joseph H. Walker, of Worcester, \$67,366. A good many people stand in their shoes, and a good many more would like to.

—A young man of great gallantry recently a beauty a woman who was in danger of death. She stood in high-heeled shoes, surrounded by forty sprigs under a watered silk, with a cataract in her eye, a rent in the back of her head and a notion in her brain.

—The U. P. R. recently sunk a shaft deep at Julesburg, while a lucky saloon keeper found a good well at the depth of twenty-six feet, who is now filling his purse by retailing the water at fifteen cents per bucket full.

—The following are the figures of the New York City election, for the total vote cast, 104,441; Hoffmann's vote, 62,921; Wood's vote, 22,832; Darling's vote, 18,405; Hoffman over Wood, 40,099; Hoffman over Darling, 44,446; Hoffman over both, 21,363.

—The *Waif (Love) Home Visitor* tells of a woman in the town who recently voluntarily placed herself in a dentist's chair, and submitted to the extraction, at one sitting, of twenty-four firmly-rooted teeth, and did not think of the other, or the other, or the other, or the other, of that sort. Eight teeth were taken out without her mouth being closed.

—One of Weston's old shoes, with proper attestation of its genuineness, was re-

ceived by basal Portland, Me., with the following inscription on the tag attached to the package: "One of Weston's shoes presented at enormous expense, by the now deceased Mr. Weston, to the citizens of Cleveland, Ohio, and purchased by the author of the *Waif* for the enterprise of one of his citizens."

—About twenty-five years ago, the value of real and personal estate in New York city and county was a sum of \$20,000,000, and the taxation thereon was \$1,700,000. This year, while the estimated property value had by the last valuation given only to \$736,000,000, the Comptroller's computation for taxes calls for about \$20,000,000. The taxation has grown from \$5,50 per acre to \$90, nearly six times as much.

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Hoping it will prove attendingly beneficial, Dr.  
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In accordance with a custom almost universal with daily and weekly papers—but not adopted heretofore by the *Messenger*—we will issue only an advertising sheet next week. We adopt this custom for the two-fold purpose of enjoying the holidays and bringing up back work in our office.

**New Year Ball.**—The Macquerade, by the Cotter Band at the Sawyer House on New Year's Night, promises to be one of the finest affairs of the year witnessed in this city. Every effort is being made to render it the *ne plus ultra* of entertainments yet given.

**Costumes** can be had of Mr. Gross, of Saint Paul, who will be at the Sawyer House on the previous day. Spectators will be admitted for \$1.00 per couple.

**GLORY IN EXCELSIS!**—Last Saturday, the 21st, was the shortest day of the year. Glad to see it come; for during the past two months, in this high latitude, there has been time for only about two weeks by sun-light. Good time for the girls and boys to explore by spontaneous combustion.

**CARRIERS' ADDRESS.**—Our typographical New Year's gift to our friends on New Year's morning. We bespeak for him a *merry* reception.

**The Weather.**—While New Englanders have been freezing, Minnesotans have been regaling themselves in shirtsleeves and open windows until quite recently. On Sunday, however, we had a fall of a few inches of snow, and the mercury started on a race and attained 9° below zero—the best she could do—since which time the weather has been mild. The change was sudden, and it made a demand for over-coats, to the intense gratification of dealers in store-clothes. Blessed are they who have hard wood and beaver coats! The change reminds us of a passage from Cowper:

"Now stir the fire, and close the shivers fast,  
Let fall the curtains, when the frosty blast  
And winter's keenest gales and hissing urn  
Throws up a steamy column, and the cap  
That chev's, but not invades, waits on each,  
So let us welcome peaceful evening in."

**The Holidays.**

To-day is the great Christian Sabbath. Little Taylor, the prose-poet, announced last Saturday, an old year stripped of beauty, barren and chilled, wrapped in a light mantle of snow in a shroud, is waiting for burial.

It is true that our divisions of time are arbitrary, and no day marks its passage more clearly than another, yet custom makes us regard Christmas and New Years as exceptional days—when we pause in the journey of life and review the past and vainly strive to peer into the future.

It is well that "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year" leap lightly from the bridging lips of youth, and come more soberly from those whose youthful ardor time has chilled. It is well to pause in our breathless haste, to scatter pleasure in the paths of those around us, and carefully consider whether we are tending.

Christmas is properly a day of gifts, for it celebrates the giving of an unspeakable gift to man—the advent of Him whose coming brought Life and Immortality to light—who gathered into one pregnant life all the divinest precepts of philosopher and sage, and irradiated them with a majesty and beauty and truth hitherto unknown—whose teachings are the recognized law of life, and whose relations give grandeur and dignity to earthly existence, and throw the only light upon the mystic regions of the far Beyond.

It is fitting that we be hopeful and joyous on this day which marks a new era in the world—when first floated eastward from a heavenly choir the blessed autumn of "Peace on earth and good will to men."

Let the man of toil, bowed down with the heavy load of his daily life, gather strength from thought of Him who was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. Let the man of thought, whose daring spirit yearly retreats from its futile effort to penetrate into the mysteries of the infinite and unseen, remember the great struggle of His whose dear spirit prayed that the cup of bitterness might pass from Him.

Over all our joys and sorrows—over the trials that vex, the grief's that canker, or the hopes that brighten—over ambitions thwarted, over loves unreturned, over desires unfulfilled—over the darkness that settles like a chill of death upon the weary heart, waiting vainly and almost hopelessly for the good not yet realized—over all the weariness, the longing, the regret, the heartache and despair, as well as over all the bloom and brightness of our lives, let the holy baptism of the Christmas spirit descend, sanctifying all our joys, softening all our sorrows, taking the pang from our pain and the bitterness from our regret.

Christmas is especially the children's day. The children! New beginners in the long race of life, unadvised by sorrow, untaught by sin, whose bright eyes look as if the Savior's kindly benediction yet dwelt upon them, and whose soft hands lead us backward along the pathway of our own years! Make them happy with little gifts and live over your play time in their play.

But enough—lest some sermon turn out a sombre sermon.

Last evening—Christmas eve—a thousand hearts were made merry. Christmas Trees were erected on Monday evening by Ascension Church, and last evening at the Myrtle Street, the Methodist, Second Presbyterian and Universalist—all of them being successes. The early hour at which we go to press precludes the pleasure of giving details of the festivities of last night.

To every reader of the *Messenger* and "the rest of mankind," we wish A MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## The Cause of Education.

AFTON, MINN., Dec. 21, 1867.

For the *Stillwater Messenger*.

Believing that any cause can be assisted by letting all know what efforts are being made in its interest, I venture to give you the results of an effort to set in motion a project to erect a high school building, by means of which the youth of the country surrounding it may be taught those higher branches of study which are desirable for a more finished education than can be obtained at our common schools; thereby keeping the youth and capital at home, rather than sending them into other towns and States—throwing dangers into the path of the former by being removed from the restraints of home, influences, and losing the latter, partially, if not altogether.

After some preliminary discussion among themselves the citizens of Afton called a meeting for Dec. 6, to fully discuss the matter, resulting in the appointment of a soliciting committee to report success one week from then, at a meeting to be held at the church in Afton, to which a general attendance was invited.

The adjourned meeting met as appointed and was opened by Rev. A. D. Roe with prayer.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved, when the report of the soliciting committee being called for, it reported \$2,000 subscribed and \$500 more pledged for the purpose of erecting such a building in the village of Afton, reported from 80 names by two of the committee, while the remaining members reported a subscription of only \$1300 for erecting a building for said purpose in a more central location, giving to the whole town equal advantages, the scholars to board at home, thus attaining the original object. Besides the \$1300 for building, a further sum of \$1200 for support of schools when open, making over \$2500, the amount of subscriptions, resulting in the sum of over \$5000 pledged to educational purposes—the work, as one of the soliciting committee remarked, of "three days' work of one man" in a township of less than 200 voters.

But the efforts and energies have been divided, and therein the ultimate success of both sections is endangered. I do not wish to burden your readers with our sectional prejudices, for so doing the cause is injured, but would here remark that all must know that these divisions are injurious to our best interests, and that \$5000 expended upon one school of this character would go far towards insuring success, while the same amount divided between two would result in the almost certain failure of one or both, and would now suggest, while I feel that the suggestion will fall to the ground, that the two parties compromise their claims, unite their claims, discard either part, and select one between the two. Considerable discussion followed the reading of the reports, ending in the rejection of the central location subscription report. The Afton village report was then approved and accepted, and the soliciting committee retained for further work. Committee: C. S. Getchell, (Chairman), Rev. A. Roe, Joseph Haskell. The meeting then proceeded to an organization, and Rev. A. D. Roe, (Chairman) W. H. Getchell and Isaac Van Vleck were appointed to draft a constitution and report at a meeting to be held in the schoolhouse at Afton on the 3d of January next.

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## To-Morrow Night.—Poetical Readings.

Mrs. Moffat's programme for to-morrow night is rich and varied—embracing some of the choicer gems in the English language. Our citizens should greet her with a full house. Home talent—like home industry—should be encouraged and fostered. Some people entertain the erroneous idea that excellence must be foreign production—a la Dickens. This is wrong. Go and hear one of our own citizens. You will be charmed by her modesty and pretensions, her sweetness of voice, and her rare gifts in one of the nobles of the arts.

**Seance tickets at Lull & Corman's Book Store.** Open doors at Myrtle street church at 6:30 to-morrow evening—exercise to commence at 7:15.

"**Climax Bakery.**"—Mr. R. Stussey has just finished a new Bakery in the McKinstry Building, Main street, and announces that he intends to keep on hand a complete assortment of everything in his line. Read his advertisement.

**A New Way.**—A new way of testing personal popularity has just been discovered.

Mr. Staples, of this city, is one of the finest looking men in the State, and possesses winning ways. The uncle of his nephew, Mr. Joseph Staples, never permits a good thing to pass through his fingers, and discovering Joseph's proclivity and desire to receive the same in a tangible way, a few days since presented Jo. with an elegant cutter, worth \$150. Joseph is not accustomed to speculate—but assuming an attitude he exclaims thus: "Ike, you are very kind! That's a nice cutter! I appreciate your generosity!" "Hill, hold the strings behind that vehicle!" "Let me go and take a smile!"

"Thank you," replied the uncle of his nephew, "I never drink; but, Jo, when you meet any of my friends, you can treat them!"

Jo started out on his two legs, fetching fees, and every person he met he propounded the question—"Are you a friend of Ike Staples?" The boy all understood the joke—they were all "friends"! Jo, says that treating his uncle's friends that day cost him the value of the cutter; and that on the occasion alluded to his uncle had more "friends"! In town than Andy Robinson and Nelly Boyd combined. Jo is a Radical, but admits that his uncle could be elected Alderman or member of the Legislature any day during the sleighing season.

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R. STUSSEY.

Dec. 25, 1867.—116-4w

STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF Washington, ss.—In Probate Court.—In the matter of the last will and testament of Mary Harrigan, late of said county deceased.

An instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary Harrigan, late of said county deceased, having been filed in this Court for Probate:

It is ordered that the proofs of said instrument be set aside, and that the plaintiff in the action entitled action, which said plaintiff is in the office of the clerk of said Court at Stillwater, be and is hereby directed to file a complaint upon the subscriber at his office in the city of Stillwater, in said county, on the 17th day of January next at 10 o'clock a.m., of that day, at which time and place all persons interested may appear and contest the probate of said will.

It is further ordered that notice of this order be given to the parties to the action entitled action, which said plaintiff is in the office of the clerk of said Court at Stillwater, in said county, on the 17th day of January next at 10 o'clock a.m., of that day.

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—Fourth Street Theatre, Cincinnati, was opened for religious services, on the 15th.

—A Miss Damon has been engaged to preach at the Universalist Society in Endicott, N. Y.

—Forty-eight colored persons were baptized in the river at Owensboro, Ky., on the 8th.

—Ex-Gov. Tom Ford, of Ohio, is among the converts at the revival in Wesleyan (M. E.) chapel, Washington D. C.

—John R. Wright has given an additional \$10,000 to complete the endowment of the Presidentship in Ohio Wesleyan University.

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An annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Bank will be held at the Banking House on Tuesday, January 14th, at two o'clock P.M.

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